

Both Buc squads brace for title runs

The Shelton State Buccaneers continued their charge to another potential championship season on Thursday night, Feb. 23, with victories over Bevil-Fayette.

Both teams boast almost



Bucs star Jessica Allen slashes to the hoop.

embarrassingly lopsided records; with one game remaining, the men stand at 28-1 while the women are 26-3. The men close out their season as the *Courier* goes to press with Sophomore Night versus Beville of Walker. The women's last game is Wednesday, March 1 versus Lawson State.

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Will Bucs score the big one?



Shelton State sophomore Kiah Brown shoots over a defender in a late-season game. High scores and winning streaks have Buccaneer players and fans excited about post-season prospects.

Tech students visit power plant



Some 40 tech students boarded buses and headed to the Greene County Steam Plant of Alabama Power to have a look-see of its internal workings.

By Dr. Jim Kenny,
Publisher

When it came time for questions at the Greene County Steam Plant of Alabama Power on Feb. 23, the Shelton State tech students were ready. "So do you ever find any diamonds in the coal?" one asked. Everyone laughed.

No, there are never any diamonds in the coal they pulverize and burn to make the steam to turn the turbines to make the power for

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This year's Gala should be humdinger

The seventh presentation of the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame awards has been scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2006 on the campus of Shelton State Community College at 9500 Old Greensboro Road in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



"Since 1999, Theatre Tuscaloosa, in partnership with Shelton State Community College, has hosted the Stage and Screen Hall of Fame," said Paul K. Looney, executive director of the event. "I'm proud to announce that our honorees for 2006 are favorite native son Jim Nabors and Rick Bernstein, executive producer of HBO Sports."

Jim Nabors is an entertainer of international status

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West Alabama employers will converge on Shelton State atrium

By Bo Carver
Assistant Editor

Thinking about what you'd like to do after you graduate? Shelton State's Career Fair may be able to help you.

On March 14 from 9 a.m. to noon in the atrium, students will be able to find numerous employers to help them find the direction they would like to go. The Job Placement Center is sponsoring the Career Fair and hopes to have 35 to 40 employers attend. So far the Job Placement Center has had 26 business commit to attending, but expects more businesses to commit by the March 2 deadline.

"We want to provide one-on-one access between students and employers," said Shirley Johnson of the Job Placement office.

The somewhat-informal atmosphere is meant to help students be more comfortable about talking to the different employers.

"Our main goal this year is to have students bring their resumes to the job fair," Johnson said.

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the homes in Alabama. But there were diamonds in the rough among the 40 or so students who made the trip in school buses from the college's Work Force Development Center at the



Tiffany Mackin of Alabama Power shows Shelton students coal that did not burn properly.

behest of Mike Fields, the Center's coordinator of job placement.

"We try to do these kind of things at least once a year," Fields explained. "I got to know Diane Black,

"Students don't always realize that a paying job is not necessary to have a good resume. Students also need to approach the employers. Often times students will just sit in the cafeteria and miss out on a lot."

If students are interested in a career, but are also looking for a job now, they can go to the Job Placement Center. The Center helps students find part-time jobs and when students are near graduation they can fill out a packet and the Center can send resumes to potential employers.

The Job Placement Center is hoping for a large turnout this year for the Career Fair. Many large companies will be there like Alabama Power, Century 21 and Sears. The Tuscaloosa Police Department will have state-of-the-art equipment on display.

The Job Placement Center hopes students will attend to gain a great experience and learn about potential careers.

the recruiter for Alabama Power in West Alabama, and it just developed from there."

The trip seemed a great experience among the students who got their eyes opened by many surprises: the cleanliness of the plant, the central computerized control (10 auxiliary generators for peak times can be started with the flip of a switch), the small crew which can run the operation (only five are needed at night when the coal supply is all in place), the absence of smoke from the giant stacks (95.5 percent of emissions have been eliminated and 99.9 percent, according to the company, will be when a new scrubber is installed in two years).

The enthusiasm among the workers of working for Alabama Power was clear.

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Honors applications due March 1

Honors Day will be held on April 30, at 2 p.m. College-wide awards will be presented at this time. Applications for the awards are available in the Counseling Center on the Martin Campus and in the Main Office on the Fredd Campus. Also, applications are available on the web at www.sheltonstate.edu. Completed applications are due on or before 12 noon, March 1, to Bonnie Sabbagh in the Dean of Students office on the Martin Campus or to Katherine Williams on the Fredd Campus.

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Selection is based on accomplishments in the classroom and workplace.

JAMES B. ALLEN AWARD -

Selection is based on academic achievement and service to the college and community.

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Among other functions, it is intended as a vehicle for student expression, and all students are urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working

with the students in the production of this paper.

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

The Courier is an equal opportunity employer and student organization. All students are encouraged to participate.

News visits Mass Comm class before issuing new publication

By Clark Vandagriff
Courier Staff Writer

Usually, for people our age, reading *The Tuscaloosa News* is not something on the top of our to-do list. Now, they are trying to change that. Now, there is *Tusk*.

Tusk is a newly organized magazine aimed at the age group of eighteen to

semester. That failed as well, and he thought *Tusk* was dead again.

"A new year brings hope. Right before the holidays, I heard *Tusk* was back on, and I began to assemble prototype ideas," Cobb said.

Tusk is found in *The Tuscaloosa News* and in stands around campus at the University of Alabama, Stillman College and Shelton State Community College every Friday. The



Tuscaloosa News feature writer Mark S. Cobb briefs some of the young writers helping him with the new *Tusk* magazine.

thirty five year-olds. It will contain band reviews, movie reviews, CD reviews and other interesting things that would catch the eye of the younger generations of Tuscaloosa.

"Over the years we've tried and tried to make this thing happen, but always run into different crunches, usually budgetary. Finally, last year (2005), we got a go-ahead to develop a prototype for a pop-culture weekly aimed at the kinds of things that younger people would like to do or read about," *Tuscaloosa News* feature writer Mark Cobb said.

Two weeks before the first issue Cobb visited Dr. Jim Kenny's Intro to mass communication class and talked about the project. He solicited writers from the journalism student at Shelton and three or four are working on projects. Chris McNac has already had one review in the mag and is expected to have a regular presence.

Cobb said that *Tusk* has been an on-and-off idea for a long while, but over the summer, heard that it was on and trying to get out right at the beginning of the fall

original plan was to have it only in the Friday paper, but they agreed on it being both in the paper, and standalone.

"It would have to hold Friday's regular features such as the comics and TV listings. So we had to scale back on some of the ideas, and work sharp to make what space we do have kicking maximum potential," he said.

Other *Tuscaloosa News* employees working on this magazine are: Managing Editor Gregory Enns, Chief Designer Tracy Cox, Chief Photographer Robert Sutton and Staff Artist Anthony Brattina. Meetings are open to anyone with writing experience and ideas on Monday and Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM at Badass Coffee on the strip.

"In five years I want *Tusk* to be adding and changing as the community changes, while providing a sense of continuity as the institutional memory for the arts and entertainment in the area," Cobb said. "I want *Tusk* to be a living, breathing thing, and as integral to our lives as e-mail, Face Book and television."

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whose ability to combine the charm of a sophisticated modern country gentleman with the ingenueness of a traditional country cousin has made him one of America's most beloved personalities. Blessed with a quick wit and a rich classical baritone, Nabors's natural talents as a character actor were discovered when he portrayed "Gomer Pyle" in a guest appearance on the Andy Griffith Show. Gomer became a series regular and later the star of his own show *Gomer Pyle USMC*. Nabors later starred as the host of *The Jim Nabors Hour*, and gave television audiences across the country the opportunity to learn what Las Vegas audiences had known for years: that Jim Nabors is a sophisticated and multi-talented entertainer in his own right.

A Sylacauga native, Nabors attended the University of Alabama to major in business administration and upon graduation,

moved to New York and worked as a typist for the United Nations. After a year, he decided to return to the South and worked as a film cutter in Chattanooga, Tenn.

He moved to Los Angeles and got a job as an apprentice film cutter at NBC. At night, he performed at The Horn in Santa Monica, a cabaret theatre whose intimate atmosphere was bent toward the showcasing of new talent. His occasional performances became nightly appearances as he devoted increasing amounts of energy to perfecting his singing style. Bill Dana took notice of his hillbilly monologues and operatic arias and invited him to audition for The Steve Allen Show. He became a regular for the season.

He has recorded 28 albums and numerous singles and has garnered one platinum and five gold records.

Nabors's stage debut was as Harold Hill in *The Music Man*, a musical production at The Burt Reynolds Dinner Theatre with

Florence Henderson. He recreated that role at Birmingham Summerfest Theatre in Alabama.

His movie career includes *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* with Burt Reynolds and Dolly Parton. In *Stroker Ace*, he was Burt's ace mechanic and Loni Anderson's confidant. He also had a cameo role in the star-studded production of *The Cannonball Run II*.

Rick Bernstein, born in Miami but raised in Birmingham, graduated from Mountain Brook High School in 1975. It was in Alabama, as a teenager with a love of sports, that Bernstein found his way into sports television. As a young boy, Bernstein sold refreshments and souvenirs at Rickwood Field and Legion Field.

After befriending an ABC Sports technician, he learned that ABC frequently hired production assistants and runners. In the years

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Applications for Circle K's \$2,500 Cunat scholarship are due April 15. This award is given to a member of Circle K, based on leadership, regardless of grade point average or financial need. For more information about this and other scholarships, see Member Benefits on the Circle K website at www.circlek.org. Circle K is a collegiate service and leadership organization, meeting at Shelton State on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m., in the Kiwanis Room in the library on the Martin Campus. It's not too late to join!

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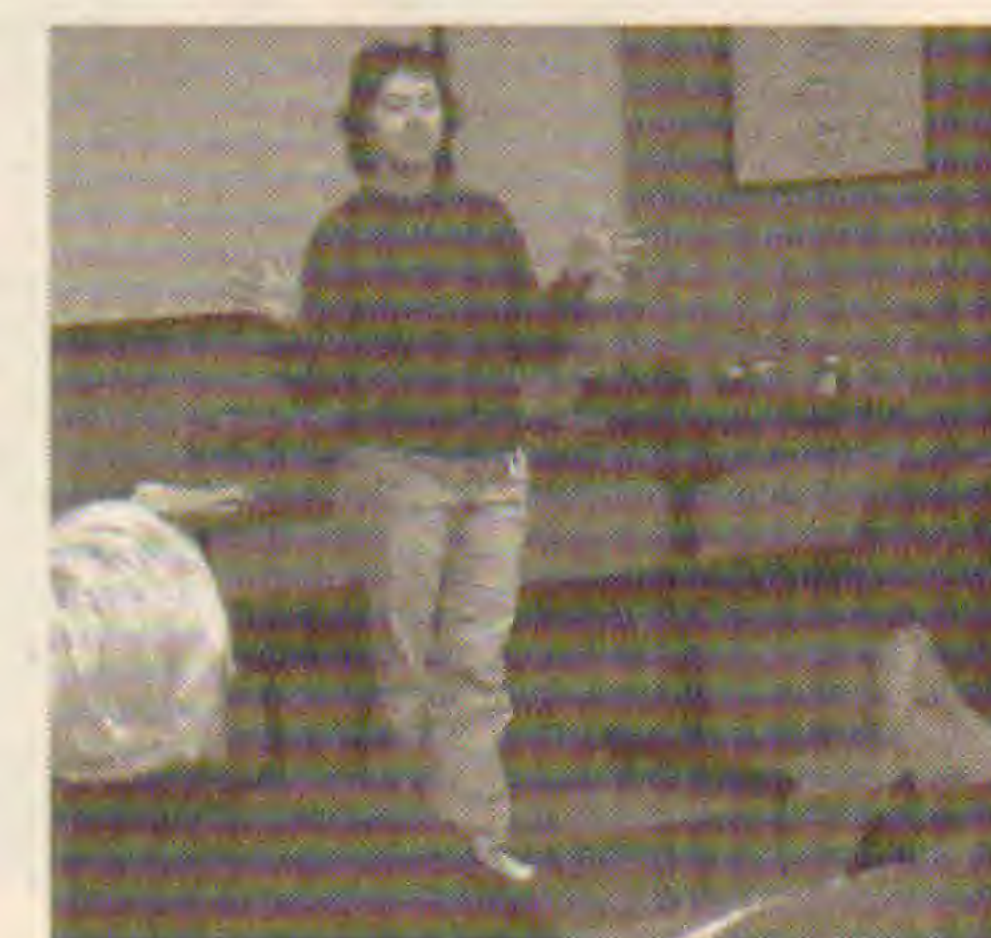
With starting union wage of \$12.56 and a top end of nearly \$30 per hour and great across-the-board benefits, it was clear to everyone listening that a good living could be had going the tech route at Shelton State.

Several of the tech instructors went along with their students, starting with John Speights, of diesel mechanics, who drove the Shelton bus. "We try to go on these field trips once or twice a year, usually some-

thing like Pheifer Wire or Mercedes--before they got so restrictive," said Brett Butler of electronics. "It was great for Mike to set this up for everybody. It takes a lot of work to open this up to everybody and go out of town."

Among the instructors taking the trip were Lorenzo Freeman and William Quimby of industrial electricity technology, Lee Tucker of electronics technology and Kenneth Blackwell from welding. Taking classes in the technology division of Shelton gives anyone insight into,

literally how the world works. Going on these kinds of field trips are important to show future tech workers the workings behind the work.



Alabama Power recruiter
Diane Black.

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that followed, he drove throughout the South working college football games, Wide World of Sports, Auto Racing and Golf. By the time Bernstein reached college, he was traveling 35 weekends a year for ABC sports.

Following graduation from the University of Missouri, Bernstein began working in 1980 as a production assistant for the then fledgling HBO Sports. At the time, HBO Sports had just entered the boxing business and had few programs to speak of, other than Inside the NFL. Bernstein traveled to New York to work on what he thought would be a one-month project. Twenty five years later, he remains in New York, today as Executive Producer and Senior Vice President of HBO Sports.

He is responsible for overseeing the production of all HBO sports programming, including World Championship Boxing, Boxing After Dark, Real

Sports with Bryant Gumbel, Costas Now, Inside the NFL and an array of documentaries. He works with an entire production staff as well as the best broadcasters in sports television today including James Brown, Cris Collinsworth, Bob Costas, Bryant Gumbel, Jim Lampley and Dan Marino.

Throughout his career at HBO, his contributions have earned four Peabody Awards and 16 Emmy Awards.

Bernstein holds a Bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Missouri and lives in Larchmont, New York with his wife Jane and his three children.

The 2006 Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame Gala and Induction ceremony is held on the campus. Special guests for the evening will include 2004 honoree Brett Butler, who will entertain with her stand-up comedy after dinner and Ronnie Schell, who played Duke Slater, Gomer's sidekick in *Gomer Pyle USMC*. The black-tie event begins with a cocktail party and silent auction and continues with a sit down dinner and

the award presentations.


Tickets for the event begin at \$200 per couple with a portion of the cost being tax-deductible. Tickets for the April 22 event may be purchased by calling the Theatre Tuscaloosa box office at 205-391-2277.

Heart Walk to be held March 11

February 8 marked the College's kickoff of its Heart Walk Campaign sponsored by the American Heart Association.

Walkers are volunteers that contact other employees, students, friends, family, and local merchants to ask for their support in helping us achieving our donation goal. Team Captains are: Judy Johnson, Business Services; Kevin Windham, Student Serv.; Lisa Nix, Academic Services; Sonny Logan, Technical Services; Carolyn Edwards, Fredd Campus; Julie Coffman, Alabama Fire, Coll.; Rhonda Shirley, The Delta Team (Office of Advancement, Human Resources, & Ambassadors); Nikki Elliott and Blake Doherty.

The Heart Walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 at the U of A Recreation Fields.



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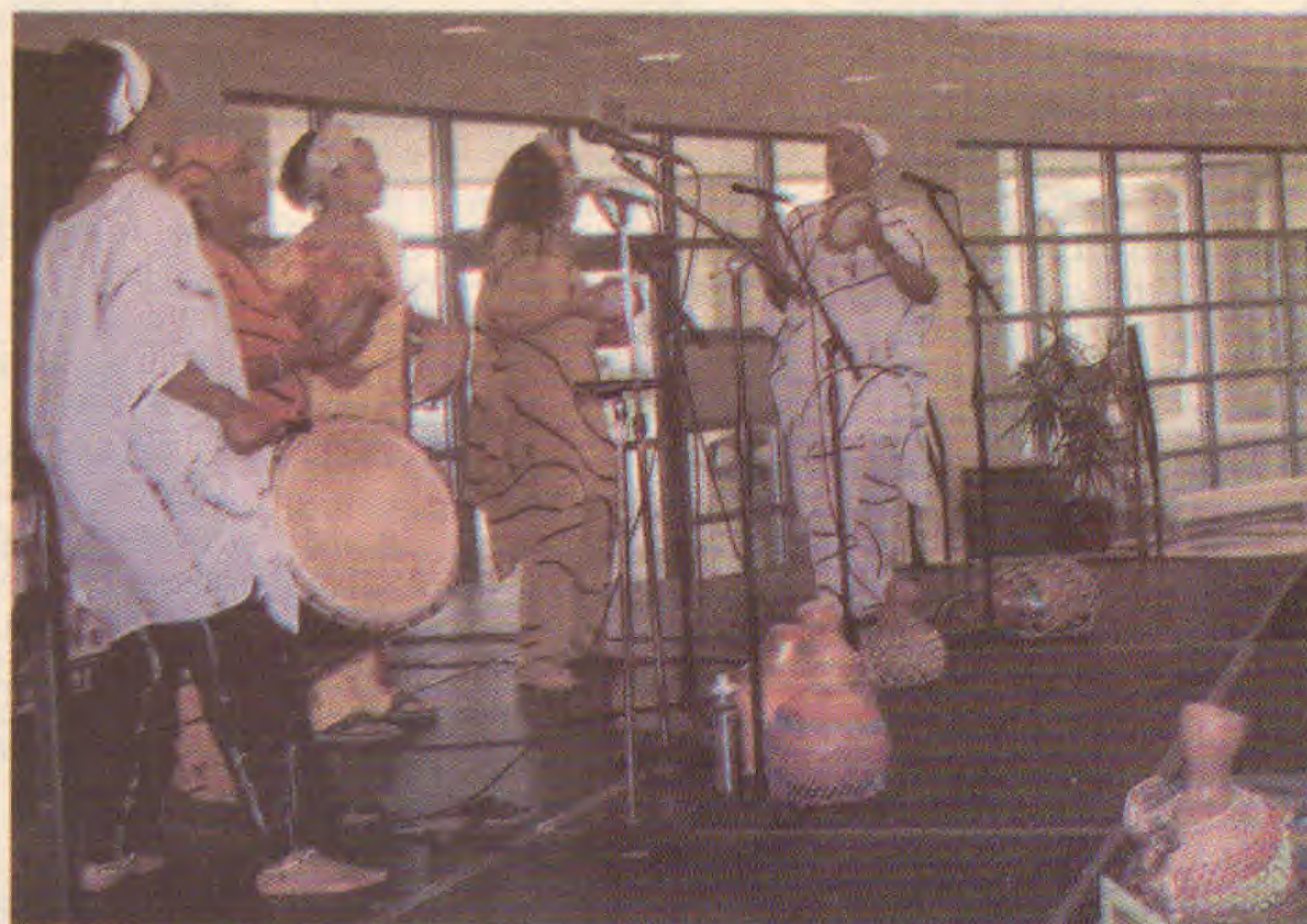
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Kristina Lee of Student Services hawks Valentine wares at the bake sale for Heart Walk Campaign sponsored by the American Heart Association.



An African drum Corps performed in the Atrium as part of Shelton State's celebration of Black History Month. The monthly festivities also included a reading on Feb. 9 of some of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s most revered speeches by Reverend Warner Durnell, accompanied on trumpet by B. Stanley Graham.



Dr. Sandy Shugart led a faculty enhancement program on Feb. 23 the likes of which most faculty members agree they have never seen. Using music (including a Jimmy Buffett tune) and his own published poetry, Shugart profiled the "post-modern student." He is president of the largest community college in the world in Orlando, Fla. He also gave a pep talk for the beginning of Shelton's accreditation drive—its Q.E.P. or Quality Enhancement Program.



Whether the Bucs have heated up or cooled down, the action and athleticism is always constant at halftime when the Shelton State Starlets take to the court.



It's always a treat when two of the main performing elements of the music department get together: the Bach to Rock(L) and Shelton State Jazz Band(R) under the direction of Dr. Allen Blackshear. When the singers and the musicians play at the same time, they can rock any house, even the Bean-Brown Theatre.

Don't forget the annual Health Fair on March 14

By Bo Carver
Assistant Editor

As has been the case for the last several years, students looking for a smart way to kick off Spring Break do not need to look any further than Shelton State's Wellness Center.

On March 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shelton will be holding its 16th annual Health Fair. Admission is free to all faculty, staff, students, and friends of the school in the community.

"It is always a festival of fun," Milady Murphy, director of the Wellness Center, said. "A lot of great information will be given out in the areas of health, fitness, and disease prevention."

This year's Health Fair will have free food, drinks, and giveaways. At noon in the exercise room, students can watch fitness demonstrations from places such as John Lee's Karate Studio and Harry Lawson's Fitness and Self Defense. Even students from the Wellness Center will be giving

demonstrations.

Students can look forward to seeing pilates, and yoga as well.

The Health Fair is being sponsored by the Wellness Center which, Murphy says, offers students a great opportunity.

"The classes in the Wellness Center help students reduce stress, get in shape, and provide them with information for a healthy life," explained Murphy. "You can have fun while earning credit."

The students in the Wellness Center seem to enjoy themselves for the time they are there. Also, the Wellness Center offers classes for more than just current students. Seniors, faculty, staff, and anyone in the community can for a small fee to take courses at the Wellness Center.

The Wellness Center hopes for a large turnout for this year's Health Fair, especially since it is on the same day as the Career Fair. The fair will be located in the Wellness Center and everyone is invited.

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Men's head coach Barry Mohun was actually happy to see his team have to struggle a bit in the last couple of games, "Everybody's playing their best right now so you want to play close games, but you definitely want to win them."

The championship should seem within sight of the Bucs since the tournament will be held at Faulkner State in Bay Minette, the sight of Shelton's first state championship three years ago. "We like that gym," Mohun said.

Even if you catch the team in its last home game, you might want to travel

south to see an extraordinary group of athletes at work. Besides excellent three-point shooting, this team takes it to the hoop with a vengeance, led by the likes of Reaynundo "Duke" Sturdivant, who almost sneakily leads the team in scoring.

Meanwhile, the women's team is looking to solidify their own identity. Are they fantastic or merely great?

After avenging an earlier loss to top-ranked Gadsden State, the women slipped against Wallace-Hanceville, dropping a game they might have expected to win.

On Sophomore night, Thursday, Feb. 23, the Lady Bucs finally pulled away from Bevill of Fayette 93-80. At times down the stretch they looked unbeatable only to see their oppo-

nents make a series of three-pointers to climb back to within two.

"All games are tough at this point in the season. Just when you think you've got someone put away, they claw and fight their way back," said head coach Madonna Thompson.

After a fantastic season, both players and fans would love to have a guarantee of continued success, but Thompson and her team know there are no guarantees. "I said earlier this team could go all the way and I still feel that's true," said Coach Thompson. "When a team has a bench as deep as ours, you know we have a good chance in a playoff situation. But, believe me, there are no, no, no, no sure things."



Participating in Legislative Day at the State Capital in Montgomery: (L-R) J.P. Murphy, Erin Giles, Jenny Jones, Beth Laughlin, Glorymar Dorta, Tuscaloosa Mayor Walt Maddox and Shelton nursing instructor Lois Griffin.

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Shelton once again hosts R.O.T.C. run

By Clark Vandagriff,
Staff Writer

On you mark, get set, GO! Runners take off as the Hillcrest High School JROTC Patriot 5k run begins.

On Saturday, Jan. 28, Hillcrest held its annual 5k run/ 1 mile walk-run at Shelton State Community College. The Tuscaloosa Track Club took part in the run, but the race was still open to the community.

"I thought we'd have a little better turn out with the weather as good as it was. It's just hard to advertise," Colonel Bob Glick said. "We usually get a lot of pre-registers. This year we only had like three or four, but there was still a decent amount there."

Glick says that the point of the race is to teach his

JROTC students staff responsibility. It is also a major fundraiser for the JROTC program.

"We use the profit from the race to hold a banquet at the end of the school year," Glick said.

The race is held annually at Shelton. This was its fourth year. The Tuscaloosa Track club always participates because it gives them Grand Prix Points at the end of the year.

"It's usually only the juniors and seniors that help out at the race, but the whole JROTC class helps out for weeks before, during school," Private First Class Kati Redick said.

The overall winners in the male category were: Third, Felipe Duarte with a time of 19:23, second, Mike Brass with a time of 18:54, and first, Matt Smith with a time of 17:31.

Julie Harris's 26:28 time got her the third place overall spot in the female category,

while Marysia Galbraith got second with a time of 25:13, and first place went to Bethony Roten with a 23:03 time.



An annual spectacle on the Martic campus is the Hillcrest JROTC 5K. Participation was down a little this year, but still the start of the race is an impressive moment.

"We made about a \$600 profit from the race," commander of the race, Lieutenant Colonel Justin McLemore said.

News From Phi Theta Kappa



Phi Theta Kappa's mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and to provide opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters. You too can become a part of this time honored and prestigious organization. We will soon be sending out invitations to students that are eligible to become members of the Alpha Epsilon Iota Chapter of PTK. Eligibility is based primarily upon academic achievement.

To be eligible:

1. you must be currently enrolled in Shelton State Community College
2. you must have completed at least 12 hours of coursework leading to an associate degree program (Associate in Art/Science or Applied Science)
3. you must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher
4. you must enjoy full rights of citizenship in your country

PTK mailed out the let-

ters from the computerized list of eligible students on Feb. 16, 2006. If you believe you are eligible you may pick up an application in our office (Room 2408). If no one is available there are some out side the door. Even if you receive an invitation these applications must be completed and the one time \$65 membership fee collected. The membership fee covers your lifetime membership for local, regional and international affiliation. PTK had an orientation for all students interested in becoming a member of PTK on Feb. 27, 2005 at 11:00 and on Feb. 23, 2005 at 12:30 in Room 2410.

PTK need students who would like to become involved to step up and consider being one of the officers for the next school year. If you are interested please contact Claire Brock extension 391-3918, Room 2408 or e-mail: cbrock@shelton-state.edu. Phi Theta Kappa offers numerous scholarship opportunities for PTK members only. All of the major four year institutions in Alabama and most other states offer good transfer scholarship opportunities for PTK members only. If you plan to further your education and like to be involved in service projects, leadership and fellowship you should give PTK serious consideration.



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Joan Davis, General Counsel of the Alabama Community College System, conducted Shelton's annual Sexual Harassment Workshop on Feb. 17 using a new video which proved popular among the attendees.

Courier's Guide to Colleges Who Were Nice Enough to Visit Us...

By Matt Celozzi
Courier Editor

As much as we might love it here at Shelton State, and I certainly do, we're going to have to leave eventually. Some of us realize this more than others. That's why a College Fair was held in the atrium in February to help students decide where they want to continue their education. For those of us who missed it, the *Courier* has compiled a rundown of some of the schools that attended the Fair.

University of Alabama-Huntsville

Huntsville, AL
Enrollment: 7,036
Tuition-In State: \$4,668
Out of State: \$9,886

Why you might want to go there:

The University of Alabama at Huntsville is renowned for its engineering and science programs and for its continued cooperation with NASA and the nearby Marshall Space Flight Center. Also, U.A.H. is the only college between Birmingham, Nashville, Atlanta, and Jackson, Mississippi that offers a Masters of Science in Nursing degree.

Auburn University

Auburn, AL
Enrollment: 22,928
Tuition-In State: \$5,230
Out of State: \$14,830

Why you might want to go there:

If your goal is to make all the Crimson Tide fans in your family hate you, then Auburn is for you. The largest university in the state of Alabama is known for its wide range of academic studies. Auburn is one of only 13 American universities designated as a land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant research center. The most impressive fact about A.U. is that 82% of its faculty has a PhD, which will come in handy when trying to explain how the Tigers haven't won a national championship in 50 years.

University of Montevallo

Montevallo, AL
Enrollment: 3,000
Tuition-In State: \$4,474
Out of State: \$8,842

Why you might want to go there:

Founded in 1896, Montevallo is Alabama's only public liberal arts university. Programs are offered through the Michael E. Stephens College of Business, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Education, College of Fine Arts, and graduate studies in both speech language pathology and teaching. Cited by some as the oldest homecoming tradition in the United States is College Night, an intramural competition between the Purple Side and the Gold Side, consisting of sports events, management of the side finances, spirit, and a student written, produced, and performed play.

Auburn University-Montgomery

Enrollment: 5,123
Tuition-In State: \$3,528
Out of State: \$10,584

University of North Alabama

Florence, AL
Enrollment: 6,400
Tuition-In State: \$2,206
Out of State: N/A

University of Alabama

Enrollment: 21,750
Tuition-In State: \$2,315
Out of State: \$6,332

Why you might want to go there:

Chances are, most Shelton students are going to transfer to UA, simply because its so close to home. But the Capstone boasts a wide array of fields of study. Arts and science, business, education, engineering, journalism and Romance languages are all taught by some of the most accomplished instructors in the Southeast. Also, Alabama has one of only two law schools in the state (Samford's Cumberland School of Law is the other). I heard something about a football team, too.

University of West Alabama

Livingston, AL
Enrollment: 2,300
Tuition-In State: \$1,919
Out of State: \$3,838

Why you might want to go there:

Small class sizes, a wide array of athletics and unsurpassed Greek life are all reasons to check out UWA. Located in Livingston, only an hour from Tuscaloosa, UWA offers degrees in business, education, liberal arts and nursing.

Jacksonville State University
Jacksonville, AL
Enrollment: 8,930



University of Alabama admissions counselor Alison Glover (R) talks to a Shelton student about transferring.

Tuition-In State: \$4,040
Out of State: \$8,080

Why you might want to go there:

Located in the Appalachian foothills of Northeast Alabama, JSU was attended by Randy Owens of the band



College representatives await Shelton students visits to their tables

Alabama. JSU is also known for its marching band, The Marching Southerners. A full array of degrees is available including education, business, communication and family sciences.

Wiley College

Marshall, TX
Enrollment: 707
Tuition: \$7440

Why you might want to go there:

The first historically black college west of the Mississippi is affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Study focuses primarily on liberal arts and business. Those looking for

the feel of a "small school" will feel right at home at Wiley. With an enrollment of only 700 and a student/faculty ratio of 12 to 1, students at Wiley benefit from the interaction they can have with their instructors.

Athens State University

Athens, AL
Enrollment: 2,600
Tuition: \$1,548

Why you might want to go there:

ASU is a school geared towards transfer students. Bachelor degrees are offered in Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education. Athens State graduates over 800 students a year with bachelor's degrees, more than any other university in North Alabama.

University of West Florida

Pensacola, FL
Enrollment: 9610
Tuition: \$6281

Why you might want to go there:

Who would mind going to school on the Gulf Coast in Pensacola? Not me. UWF sits on a 1600-acre campus and nature preserve. Courses of study range from Arts and Sciences to Business and Professional Studies such as Pre-Law. Just make sure and leave time to study.

Troy University

Troy, AL
Enrollment: 27,148
Tuition-In State: \$4,164
Out of State: \$8,328

Why you might want to go there:

Situated on a beautiful 460 acre campus in Pike County, Troy University is known for its excellent College of Communications, which has, over the last decade, produced 80% of first-place awards recipients given to Alabama college journalism students. Troy University, known as Troy State until 2004, now competes in the Division I Sun Belt Conference in all athletic programs.

University of South Alabama

Mobile, AL
Enrollment: 13,000
Tuition-In State: \$4,502
Out of State: \$8,312

Why you might want to go there:

USA is home to Alabama's second state-supported medical school and offers doctoral degrees in microbiology and pharmacology. South Alabama's athletic teams, known as the Jaguars, participate in Division I in the Sun Belt Conference.

Alabama A&M University

Normal, AL
Enrollment: 6,000
Tuition-In State: \$1,825
Out of State: \$3,385

Miles College

Fairfield, AL
Enrollment: 1,800
Tuition: \$2,704

Why you might want to go there:

A Historically Black College, Miles offers a small enrollment and low student/faculty ratio. Students at Miles College study liberal arts as well as in pre-professional programs such as Pre-Law and Pre-Med.

Birmingham-Southern College

Birmingham, AL
Enrollment: 1,388
Tuition: \$19,400

Why you might want to go there:

As of 2005, Birmingham-Southern is home to 1,388 students from 29 states and 21 foreign countries including 49 National Merit Scholars and nearly 100 valedictorians, giving the school the highest academic profile in the state. The small enrollment reflects the school's tough admission standards.

University of Alabama-Birmingham

Birmingham, AL
Enrollment 16,357
Tuition-In State: \$4,662
Out of State: \$10,422

Why you might want to go there:

Though it boasts a wide range of study, including liberal arts, business, engineering and education, UAB is one of the finest medical research universities in the Southeast and, indeed, the nation. Last year alone, UAB received over \$390 million in federal funds for research. Not bad. And it's located near downtown Birmingham.